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Examiner: Rampuria, Sharad K.

For: SELECTION OF MOBILITY AGENT IN ACCESS NETWORK

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

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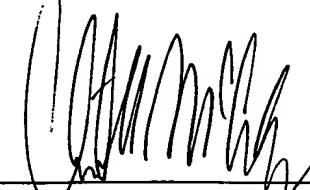
The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS		REMAINING HIGHEST NO.		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
AFTER AMENDMENT	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR					
TOTAL	24	-	24	= 0	\$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	3	-	3	= 0	\$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP.				+		
CLAIM					\$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE						\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL						\$ 0.00

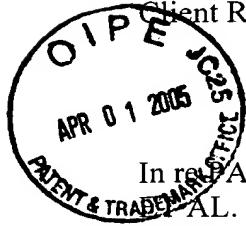
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, please reconsider the patentability of the rejected claims based on the following arguments.

Claims 1-5 and 7-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andersson et al (WO 98/43446; hereafter "Andersson") in view of Josse (U.S. 6,104,929), and claim 6 was rejected under 103(a) based on Andresson, Josse and Frid et al (U.S. 6,137,791; hereafter "Frid"). Applicants traverse the rejections because the cited prior art references fail to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the checking of macro mobility capability of a mobile station, selection of a macro mobility entity for the mobile station, and transmission of the identity of the selected macro mobility entity to the mobile station in association with an access context establishment as recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 18 and their respective dependent claims.

To the contrary, Andersson relates merely to roaming between incompatible packet communication networks, when the mobility management in the first network is based solely on the mobile IP (a MIM network), and the mobility management in the second network is based on a conventional HRL/VLR scheme (the PMM) network. To enable roaming of a MIP mobile station also in the PMM network, a foreign agent FA is associated with a gateway packet MSC (GPMSC) in the PMM network. As a consequence, an IP tunnel can be